REMARKS

Claims 2-12, 14-33, 35-53, 56-59, and 64-113 are pending in this application. Claim 11 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the fastener. Claims 22 and 90 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned believes that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and/or the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due, including additional claims fees, in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1947</u> referencing Attorney Docket No. <u>CSI-2016CP1</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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